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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yoshimasa OHSHIMA *et al.*
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For : APPARATUS FOR DETECTING FOREIGN
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
POB 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

04 November 2003

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR §1.136 for an extension of the shortened-statutory period for response set by the Office Action mailed 4 June 2003. Attached is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite Petition fee. Please charge any other properly required fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Order No. 520.40755X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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